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MANAGEMENT

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinahove, are being transmitted via facsimile-Formal Entry, to the attention of the Examiner at Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached NOTICE OF APPEAL. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (IBMS.002PA) in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the extension fee for a large entity. If necessitated by this Extension, authority is given to charge/credit additional fees/overages to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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